

Biographical Sketch

Goro Mitchell

Goro Mitchell, Executive Director of the Community Development Institute was born and raised in East Palo Alto, CA and has dedicated the last 15 years to promoting social, economic and environmental Justice. Goro is the former Assistant Director of the Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy in Atlanta, where he was employed for more than 10 years.

Mitchell has taught Statistics and Sociology at Clark Atlanta University and Morehouse College. He has a Masters in City Planning from Georgia Tech and a Masters in Political Science from Clark Atlanta University.

Mitchell has published peer reviewed chapters on various issues including technology diffusion in Atlanta, employment, municipal budgeting, environmental justice, minority manufacturing, transportation justice, minority representation, quality of life, health and others.

He has conducted research for projects funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, CH2M Hill Engineering, Cambridge Systematics, Federal Highway Administration, the Ford Foundation, the City of Atlanta, The Bay Area Air Quality Management District, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Santa Clara County, the City of San Jose, First 5 California, the San Francisco Foundation, Menlo College and others.

Goro has performed technical assistance work for numerous grassroots organizations including: Southern Organizing Committee for Social and Economic Change (Atlanta), The Georgia Coalition for a People's Agenda (Atlanta), Save the People (Brunswick, GA); Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto, Youth United for Community Action (East Palo Alto, CA) and the Latino and African American Committees of the Sacramento Transportation & Air Quality Collaborative.

Mitchell is on the board of directors of the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media, Incubator (a business incubation program), the Community Working Group of the Mid-peninsula, OICW, and Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto.

Goro is an elected trustee of the East Palo Alto Sanitary District. Mitchell has served on Metropolitan Transportation Commission's, Minority Citizens Advisory Committee and the East Palo Alto Planning Commission. Goro is a fellow of the American Leadership Forum. In addition, Goro is affiliated with the African American Leadership Summit, Asian Pacific American Democratic Club, the Coalition for Change, the East Palo Alto Environmental Justice Resource Team

on Air Pollution and numerous other formal and informal organizations and initiatives. In 2007, Mitchell was given the Tom Bradley Community Service Distinguished Citizen Award by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.